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1. SUMMARY. FONOFF INFORMS US THAT DIRECTOR GENERAL (DAVIGNON) HAS APPROVED SENDING EXPERT QTE IN PRINCIPLE AND IF SUITABLE REPRESENTATIVE CAN BE MADE AVAILABLE. UNQTE. BELGIAN NATO PERMREP REPORTEDLY RESISTING DETACHMENT OF OFFICER FROM HIS STAFF AND CONTINUES TO WISH TO SEE QUESTION OF WESTERN REPS DISCUSSED IN NATO. ACTION
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REQUESTED: DEPARTMENT'S COMMENTS ON VARIETY OF POSSIBLE

QUALIFICATIONS FOR A SUITABLE BELGIAN REPRESENTATIVE.
END SUMMARY.

2. FONOFF DEPUTY DIRECTOR-GENERAL BAUWENS HAS INFORMED US THAT BELGIAN NATO PERMREP DE STAERCKE IS RESISTING RELEASE OF FINANCIAL ADVISOR (DUPONT) FROM HIS STAFF TO SERVE AS MEMBER ROB EXPERTS GROUP, AFTER FONOFF DIRECTOR GENERAL DAVIGNON HAD APPROVED SENDING REPRESENTATIVE IF SUITABLE CANDIDATE CAN BE LOCATED. DE STAERCKE AND HIS DEPUTY (ERIK BAL) SAY THEY NEED THEIR OFFICER DURING APRIL AND MAY AND ALSO THAT ISSUE OF WESTERN REPRESENTATION SHOULD BE DISCUSSED IN NATO.

3. BAUWENS THOUGHT INTERNAL BELGIAN BUREAUCRATIC STRUGGLE LIKELY TO CONTINUE INTO NEXT WEEK.

4. COMMENT. IT IF CONCEIVABLE THAT BELGIANS ARE TAKING UNDULY NARROW VIEW OF TECHNICAL QUALIFICATIONS REQUIRED FOR EXPERT AND THAT SEARCH FOR SUITABLE REPRESENTATIVE COULD BE MADE LESS DIFFICULT IF OUR IDEAS ON FULL RANGE OF OPTIONAL QUALIFICATIONS COULD BE COMMUNICATED TO GOB. DEPARTMENT'S COMMENTS REQUESTED; ALSO, VIEWS OF USNATO RE DE STAERCKE'S POSITION.
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